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TAGS: OCLR, SO, US  
SUBJ: ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VREELAND VISIT, Q & AS

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1. EMBASSY COMMENTS ON ANNOUNCEMENT AND Q & A'S  
REFTEL, FOLLOW:

A1. CONCUR.

A2. COMMENT: PROPOSED RESPONSE IS TOO TERSE. IN  
POLITICAL CONTEXT, VREELAND VISIT IS NOT AT ALL ROU-  
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TINE. RECOMMEND WE TAKE THE LINE THAT SHIP VISIT IS  
ANOTHER FORWARD STEP IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH  
SOMALIA AND SHDILD BE VIEWED IN THAT CONTEXT.

SUGGEST FOLLOWING RESPONSE: THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC INDICATED ITS WILLING-  
NESS TO OPEN ITS PORTS TO VISITS BY US NAVAL SHIPS.

THE US WAS PLEASED TO RESPOND. ALTHOUGH THE VISIT DOES NOT PORTEND ANY CHANGE IN US POLICY, IT IS AN INDICATOR OF IMPROVED RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO STATES.

A3. CONCUR.

A4. CONCUR.

A5. COMMENT: RECOMMEND WE GIVE NAME OF SECOND SHIP DEPLOYED FROM ATLANTIC FLEET, IF ASKED. ALSO RECOMMEND THAT USE OF TERMS LIKE "SURFACE COMBATANTS" BE AVOIDED.

A6. COMMENT: RECOMMEND RESPONSE ALONG THE LINES THAT VREELAND IS CURRENTLY ATTACHED TO THE MIDDLE EAST FORCE AND WILL BE OPERATING IN THE GENERAL AREA OF THE MIDDLE EAST. BEYOND THAT, "THE U.S. NAVY DOES NOT DISCUSS ..." ETC.

A7. COMMENT: QUESTION RAISES ISSUE OF INVITATION VERSUS REQUEST. DID U.S. ASK FOR SHIP VISIT OR DID SOMALIS TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND INVITE ONE? RECOMMEND THIS ISSUE BE DEALT WITH IN PRESS RELEASE BY MAKING FIRST SENTENCE READ: "AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, THE USS VREELAND (FF1068) ENTERED MOGADISCIO (OR, CONFIDENTIAL

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WILL CALL AT MOGADISCIO) AUGUST 26 TO BEGIN A TWO DAY VISIT."

A8. CONCUR

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2. RECOMMEND THAT TEXT OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BE COORDINATED HERE WITH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT ITSELF BE MADE SIMULTANEOUSLY IN BOTH CAPITALS.

3. EMBASSY PREPARED PROVIDE NECESSARY ON SCENE DIRECTION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE.  
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